

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-127-79

• **TO:** ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
STAFF DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
EDUCATION AND WELFARE FOR TITLE XX TRAINING.

REFERENCE:

This letter is to request your support in advocating for a change in the allocation methodology proposed by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for Title XX training.

H.E.W. printed in the Federal Register dated November 8, 1979, an allocation formula to distribute approximately \$61 million to the states. The \$61 million figure was allocated because Congress appropriated \$75 million for Title XX training to be spent over five quarters. The fifth quarter is the quarter ending September 30, 1979, and H.E.W. anticipates a \$14 million expenditure for that quarter. Therefore, that reduces the \$75 million to \$61 million for FY 79/80. The formula, proposed by H.E.W., is based upon a 1% allocation of Title XX program monies (\$250 million) and an additional amount based upon prior expenditures. This means that California will receive only \$3.7 million.

The \$3.7 million for California represents a 70% reduction in the amount budgeted for by the California Legislature. The state had budgeted for \$12.9 million in federal funds for Title XX training. This reduction is a major blow to the training programs for county welfare department staff, foster parents, child care providers and homemaker-chore providers delivered by the colleges and universities throughout the state. For example, the training for county welfare departments includes staff who provide services in foster care, family reunification, children's protective services, adult protective services and out-of-home care for adults. In addition to the in-service training programs for the staff, the monies also provide a stipend for approximately 150 county welfare department employees on a leave of absence to acquire a Master's in Social Work.

Training programs for all 58 counties are in progress and budgeted for \$10.1 million. The training for foster care parents, child care providers, and homemaker-chore providers amounts to approximately another \$2.8 million.

This drastic reduction practically destroys all of the training programs to being mediocre and minimal. Child care providers and foster parents will continue to have their training needs totally unmet. The real impact will be upon the clients receiving social services in California.

I would like to request your assistance in advocating for an allocation method that is more equitable for California. In my discussions with H.E.W., other methods have been discussed. The most equitable manner to distribute the training monies is to base it upon the same allocation method by which program dollars are distributed, that is an allocation method based upon population.

This method represents an allocation of between \$6.6 million and \$6.8 million to California. The proposed training programs will be reduced by 50%, but some quality training will be able to continue in spite of the reduction. If California receives only \$3.7 million, the training programs become ineffective and almost non-existent.

I would like to urge you to write to H.E.W. in response to their request for comments on the allocation method as printed in the Federal Register. The states have 30 days within which comments will be accepted. It is imperative that action be taken quickly. Please submit a letter advocating for an allocation method based upon population and explain from your viewpoint what the drastic reduction would do to the training programs.

Address comments to:

Commissioner
Administration for Public Services
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Post Office Box 1923
Washington, D.C. 20013

Also send copies of your comments to the following Congressmen:

Rep. Fortney H. Stark
1034 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Rep. John H. Rousselot
2133 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

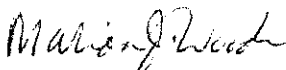
Rep. James C. Corman
2217 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Sen. Alan D. Cranston
229 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Your personal attention and intervention concerning this matter will be appreciated and will ensure that California receives a fair share.

If you have any questions, please call James Gomez or Al Colon at (916) 322-0181.

Sincerely,



MARION J. WOODS
Director